CT-124 ISRAEL HUTCHINS FARM Ramsey Creek Private

late 19th c.

Until a disastrous fire in the 1950's, this farm comprised five barns, a cornhouse, a log meat house, a main farm house, and two tenant houses. The tenant houses, meat house, and one barn, though deteriorated, are still standing. The two-story, L-shaped main house included seven rooms and was topped by three gables.

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Hutchins Farm-ruins

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

At the end of Hutchins Lane are the remains of a farm containing five barns, a cornhouse, log meathouse, the main house, and two tenant houses. The tenant houses, meathouse, and one barn are standing, but in ruins, and the other structures have collapsed. The main house and its immediate in reighbors were destroyed by fire in the 1950's.

G. Herbert Hutchins obtained this farm from Sarha E. Hutchins on January 31, 1923 and the deed mentions a "dwelling house with the adjacent yard and garden." (AAH 8/343). The same reference makes provisions for the widow of Israel J. Hutchins (Sarha E.). According to JS1/197, Israel Hutchins owned land bordering George H. Jones, Thomas Hutchins, Edward Humphreys et. al. in 1887. SS6/111 shows land conveyed to Israel Hutchins by William C. Wood (See Tenant house on "The Levels") on December 8, 1883.

Whether the Israel Hutchins house dates from the 1880's or not as uncertain. The title search indicates it to be at least pre-1923. Mr. Edgar Hutchins, the grandson of Israel Hutchins is sixty years old and remembers the house. He says that it was a seven room house, two stories high with an L-plan. The wooden frame structure had three gables on it.

Adjacent to the charred ruins of the house is a log structure which is collapsing. It has been identified as a meat house.

The tenant houses have been there as long as Mr. Hutchins can remember. Both have modern frame construction and flu chimneys. The one down by the water has 6/6 windows in a three bay, one story structure. The plan is one up/one down with a kitchen addition in the rear. The upper room has knee walls. The lower rooms are paneled with tongue and groove and each room has carved wooden mantels to back drop woodstoves.

The collapsed barns appear to have been post-and-beam structures utilizing mortise-tenon-trunnel joints. Both sawn and hewn materials were observed among the ruins. The one barn which is still standing is a tri-partite structure with three transverse sills. It measures 28' x 32' and has eight "rooms." The sills are hewn and the post-and-beam frame joined by mortise and tenon with trunnels.

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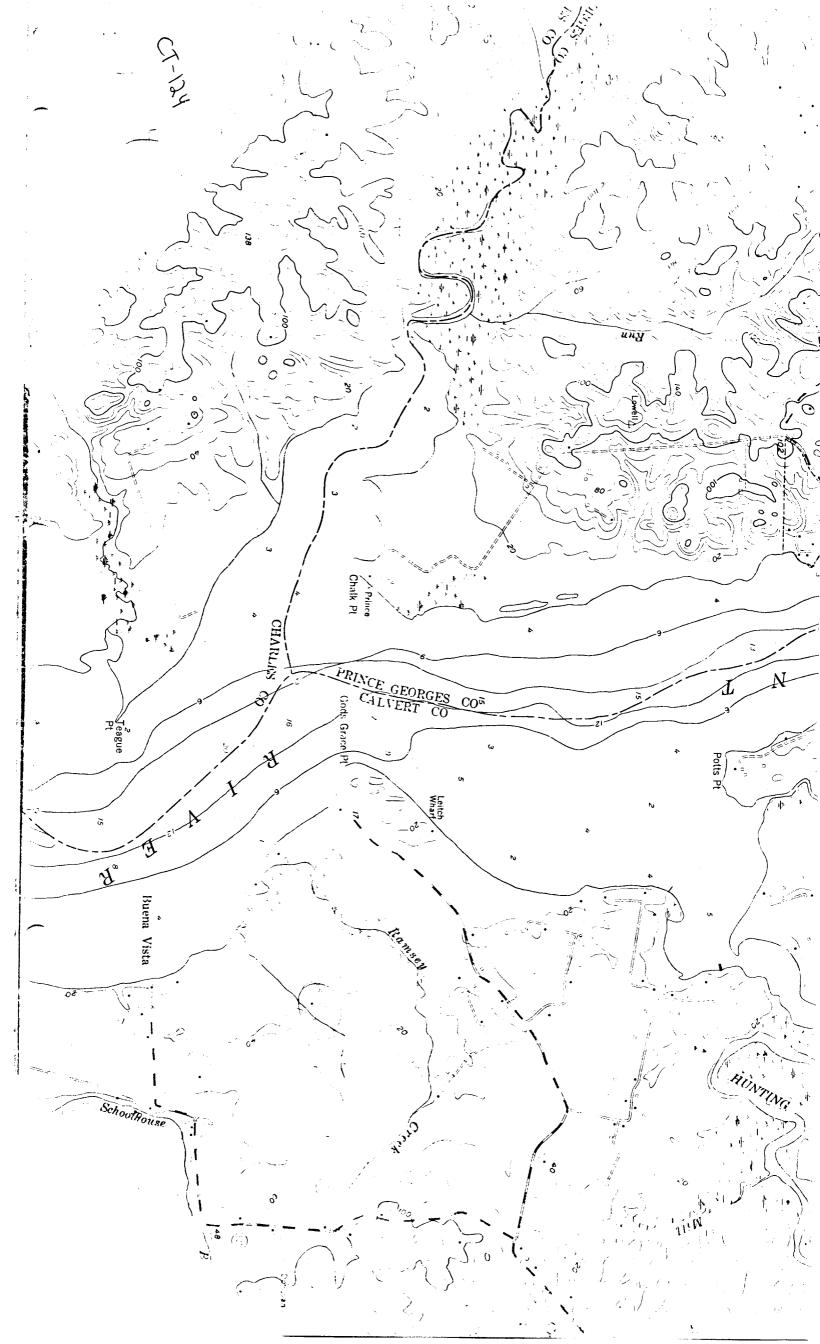
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